Croquet and Lawn-Tennis.

Croquet has lost its popularity, and it is only in remote Western towns that one can hear the click of the mallet as it strikes some bald but youthful head or the wail of some too eager girl who has mashed her own foot. Elsewhere croquet has not been played for nearly two years. The croquet mallet has been turned into a bean-pole, and the balls have been thrown at vagrant dogs, so that of the eleven million croquet sets formerly in the possession of private citizens of the United States, there are now not more than sixty-three sets which are complete and fit for use.

The disappearance of this pestilent game is a great gain for the cause of morality and public order. Next to horse-dealing, which, according to the Westminster Catechism, "worketh the corruption of the whole nature of him who sells horses, croquet has a far more withering and blasting effect upon what is good in human nature than has any other agency. It leads to lying almost as certainly as does trout-fishing. Mr. Herbert Spencer, in his tables of social statistics, asserts that eighty-two per cent. of all ladies who play croquet will systematically claim to have passed hoops that they have not passed, and ninety per cent. will insist that they never stirred the ball which received the stroke of the mallet in that peculiar feat called "croqueting." Of course, those who habitually indulge in flights of the imagination-to put it mildlysuch as these must inevitably lose all respect for the truth. They who cheat their lovers at croquet will find it easy to deceive their husbands in the game out of every ten the recording angel is compelled to take notice that Miss Smith has audibly mentioned that "it is perfectly sickening to see how that Brown girl cheats," and that Miss Brown has openly called Miss Robinson a "mean, hateful thing." In its latter days cro-quet was characterized not merely by cheating and bad language, but by assassination. It was so easy for a quicktempered and indignant girl to hit her partnership with a hated rival, and perhaps defended her from the accusation of cheating, that mallet outrages became frightfully prevalent. In England alone, in the year 1873, seven curates had their skulls fractured, one hundred and ninety-four were seriously bruised. either on one or both shins, and six hundred and five young ladies were hit in the region of the shoes by mallets thrown by other young ladies. A like state of things existed about the same time in this country, but in the absence of trustworthy statistics it can only be said that in all probability the proportion of mal-

The peculiar feature of lawn-tennis is players with a view of preventing adjury, and instead of clubs they play with instruments somewhat resembling the unfit for offensive purposes except, per-haps, in connection with very young children. The game has commended itself to parents and peaceable people peaceable game, the net should be made of wire instead of twine; it should be at least a foot higher, and the upper edge should be strewn with broken glass set in cement, or furnished with sharp iron spikes. Sooner or later some mild im-becile player will madden his adversary to such an extent that nothing but personal violence will be any comfort to her, and she will get over or through the frail twine net with a suddenness that will dazzle the unhappy victim.

Accidents on lawn-tennis grounds have occurred, though not during the progress of the game. In places where the net is left in position over night it sometimes catches the heedless or intoxicated wayfaring man, and on the grounds of one of the Moosehead Lake hotels, the early-riser can often find a local statesman caught by the ears in the lawn-tennis net and utterly unable to extricate himself. The catch of small boys and colored servants at the Lake George hotels is also very large, but has never attracted the attention which the painful fate of, a leading citicen of Greenfield, Conn., secured last July. The citizen in question had a marriageable daughter who was fond of lawn-tennis, and who was serenaded one evening by a young druggist with an accordion. While the serenader was an accordion. While the serenader was under the widow, and in the act of singing "Baby Mine" and accompanying timself on the accordion, the leading citizen, with the best intention, issued from the house with a club and let loose both the dogs. The druggist, with great presence of mind, ran round the house and entered the front door, while the angry father rushed wildly across the lawn in search of him and came in violent collision with the lawn-tennis net. He carried it completely away, and in falling to the ground entangled himself hopelessly in its meshes. In these circumstances he was set upon by the well-meaning but too impulsive dogs, and it was not until he had been severely gnawed and denuded of most of his garments that he could convince them that their zeal was not according

to knowledge. Still, in spite of the incidental troubles to which the lawn-tennis net may give rise, the game is certainly a vast im-

Finely-powdered glass mixed with pass through a layer of gravel or some soluble silicate of soda will be found like substance, which shall partially filto make an excellent acid-proof cement. | ter it .- Live Stock Journal.

HOME AND FARM.

-Early maturity is the most valuable characteristic of improved stock. To keep young stock growing is the only way to attain success in stock raising.

-On the homestead every boy and girl should have their own tree to care for, and have the fruit. They should be taught to plant the seeds of fruits and to care for the seedlings, and how to bud or graft.-Green's Fruit Grower.

-To Make Ginger Loaf.-To four pounds of dough add one pound of raw sugar, half a pound of butter, one ounce and a half of caraway seeds, one ounce and a half of ground ginger. Bake in the usual way. It very much resembles Scotch hot cross buns. It makes a very nice cake, either for tea or luncheon.

-Cream Cakes.-Into half a pint of good cream stir a pinch of salt and as much flour as will make a stiff batter; then add a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda; bake at once in a shallow tin, in a very quick oven, and serve hot, with sifted sugar over. If liked sweet two ounces of sugar may be stirred in with

the other ingredients.

-Mustard Pickle.-Two quarts cucumbers, two of green tomatoes, two of onions, two of cabbage or cauliflower; soak in a weak brine over night, cook each separately until tender. For the paste: One gallon vinegar, one large cup flour, one pound mustard, one and one-half pounds sugar; stir the paste till it boils, then pour it over the vege-tables. This pickle will keep a year.

-Horses often suffer from irritation of the skin under the hair of the mane and tail. It may be due to want of of married life. From cheating to quarreling is a step which in croquet is short and inevitable. In nine games feed. The parts should be washed with warm water and soap, and then rubbed with alcohol, to which a few drops of tincture of cantharides are added. Give the horse some scalded bran with salt in it for a few days .- N. Y. Times.

-An old farmer who claims to have tried the receipt and found it to be all that it claims gives us the following hints for the manufacture of a healing salve for the relief of the pain and annoyance of chapped hands. Gum campartner over the shins as a rebuke for phor, 2 oz; beeswax, 2 oz; mutton talhis bad play, or to strike a faithless lov- low, 1-2 oz. Melt the two latter together over the head who had formed a er, and then put in the camphor, having first shaved the latter fine; stir until cool. This will cure chapped hands in one night, and is so simple and inexpensive that it can be procured by every one.

—The Poultry Monthly says if a rat

is caught alive, dipped into tar and then liberated, every other rat will promptly leave the place or at least that portion of it honored by him with a visit. The writer attempts to explain the phenomenon by stating that the "other rats sions, mining and navigation disasters; prefer to leave rather than live with a machine, mill and steam engine accidisgraced member of their family." dents; temporary expedients in the re-We do not accept the explanation, but are of the opinion that a tarred rat injured by drowning or other disaster would be a source of great annoyance and of the sick and wounded in war, let outrages was as great here as in Eng. | would be a source of great annoyance and of the sick and wounded in war, land. It was this terrible feature of the to his companions, who would not like and ambulances, hospitals, barracks game which caused a general uprising to have their own coats similarly mat- and hospital ships. of all good citizens against it, and led ted up. Tar poured into the holes of to the substitution of lawn-tennis in its rats will often make them emigrate to —A correspondent of the San Fran-

the net which is stretched between the follows: Fold them carefully into a small compass and tack them lightly versaries from assaulting one another. but securely between pieces of flannel;
The players use a light ball, with which put into the boiler with soapy water and it is impossible to inflict any serious in- boil; rinse two or three times in clear water, the last time in blue water. Starch in a thin solution of starch. Pass battledore of the last generation, and through the wringer, then mark, and pin each curtain carefully on a sheet fastened on a mattress or the carpet in an unused room, and let it remain till dry. The object of tacking the curtains beby its apparent safety, and so far it has certainly been unstained by any murderous affrays. Still, it must be evident to every one that the net common- fastening the curtain to the sheet to dry ly used is far too frail. It could be the better. Enough should be used to broken down by the rush of a heavy girl, and it would be easy for an agile girl to climb over it. If lawn-tennis is to maintain its reputation as a safe and to maintain its reputation as a safe and they must be squeezed, not wrung, from one water to another.

The Water Supply in Pastures.

The extreme heat and severe drought which have prevailed over much of the country has compelled attention to the questions of water and shade for stock, on the part of many farmers. In large numbers of cases the ordinary sources of the water supply have failed, and in considerable regions both labor to the stock owners and suffering on the part of the animals have been incurred. Even where cattle and other farm animals have been able to secure sufficient water once or twice a day by being driven to it, they could not be expected to thrive so well as when good water is accessible to them at all times.

The present loss and inconvenience may prove an ultimate gain to some farmers who have relied on ponds, if they now dig wells, and thus secure, by windmills, a constant supply of pure water, instead of the warm and filthy liquid to be found in most nords. quantity and good quality of water furnished at the outlets of long lines of till drains is surprising to one not familia with the action of such drains, but times of severe drougth this supply fails For the average farm, good wells—clarge diameter, unless the "vein" water be a strong one-with go pumps, tanks, and a windmill, are th best sources of supply. Many suc wells have been dug or deepened thi summer sometimes at considerable cost It is some satisfaction to know, how ever, that if a sufficient supply be of tained now, there need be little fear for future years, whereas wells dug in w seasons often fail.

We have known a combination of well and a tile drain, by running branch of the latter into the well, wor satisfactorily. A disadvantage is the

well in comparatively low ground.

There are regions in which good well can scarcely be found. In such cases cisterns for collecting surface water may be the best attainable source of the control of th supply. The water that runs off eve one acre of ground in the course of rise, the game is certainly a vast improvement upon croquet, and its general adoption in place of the former pernicious game will doubtless arrest the flood of immorality and crime which found its origin in croquet.—New York Times.

One acre of ground in the course of year would supply a considerable number of animals. The land should be kept in grass. When there is even slight slope, a little attention in digging shallow furrows to carry the water the cistern will be all that is needed, upon the course of ground in the course o less it be planned that the water sha

A Well-Planned Scheme.

The Russian Socialist, Prince Krapothoven's 'Third Waltz' played upon a piano in the house opposite, ask permission to go out into the court." Although the Prince did not quite watch stand, he nevertheless kept strict watch for the sound of the waltz. Three days afterward, in the afternoon, some one began to play it. He immediately asked to be taken into the court. Scarcely had he reached the yard in company with his two sentinels than he saw the large gate to the prison yard open to allow a loaded wood-wagon to enter. The wagon had not entirely passed the gate when, ap-parently by accident, it discharged its load of logs at the entrance. The of the cart, and cleared not only the gate but two bullets which were fired at him by his guards. The fallen logs Journal. prevented an immediate pursuit. At the gate was a Cossack horse, saddled, awaiting the Prince. He mounted it and galloped away. Since then the Russian police have never been able to find out who it was that played so well the "waltz of evasion."

An Interesting Exhibition.

An international exposition in the field of public hygiene and life-saving is arranged to take place in Berlin next year, to continue from June 1 to Oct. 1. It will cover exhibits relating to soil and air, streets, roads, and public parks; sewage and drainage, public water supplies and illumination; food supplies in large cities, public washing and laundry establishments, free baths, school buildings, dwellings, tenements of the poor; factories and other buildings in which large numbers of persons labor; inns, restaurants and coffeehouses; chemical, powder, and other manufacturing establishments of a similar character; rural dwellings for the poor, country places for residence, nu-triments, travel by railway, steamboat, electricity, and with horses; clothing, contagious diseases, institutions for the sick and disabled, funerals, cemeteries and morgues, and veterinary medicine and surgery. The department of life-saving will embrace exhibits of an equally varied and comprehensive character, including fire-escapes and apparatus for extinguishing fires and ressuscitation and restoration of persons

more cleanly quarters. - Mobile Register. | cisco Examiner, in speaking of the big -Lace curtains may be cleansed as trees of Calaveras County, says: "In the stump of one of these trees a ballroom thirty-three feet across is built, and it requires a ladder of eighteen steps to ascend to the top of the log, on which was built a ten-pin alley. It has and I am as active as a man of 3), although been burned up, but the body of the old, charred monarch of the forest still remains. Think of it—a hollow log.

I am 72, and I have no doubt it will do as well for others of my age. It is worth a trial.—(Father.)—Sunday Mercury. remains. Think of it-a hollow log, through which one can ride on horseback 100 feet and come out through a knot-hole! There are some ninety of these big trees, measuring from 50 to 100 feet in circumference, and reaching up to the skies-from 300 to 450 feet. From the rings that denote the annual growth of these trees science has esti-mated some of them to be 4,000 years old, while they stand over the fallen bodies of a much older growth, covered

> nent engineers, who gave their earnest adhesion to the plan of the ship railway; and last it was resolved to publish Mr. Eads's speech as part of the transactions of the day-a very marked compliment, such publication of addresses at these annual meetings being most exceptional and rare.

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Norwithstanding the declaration of Prohibitionists, a rubicund-visaged friend of ours asserts that a 'sling' in the hand is better than a hand in a sling.—Cambridge

The Value of Competition in Business.

Competion forces every one who would achieve the highest success in any business to avail himself of all legitimate means to that old, while they stand over the fallen bodies of a much older growth, covered over with earth and large growing trees, as it is one of the peculiarities of this timber not to decay. It appears to be a species of redwood."

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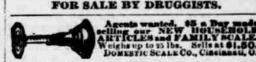
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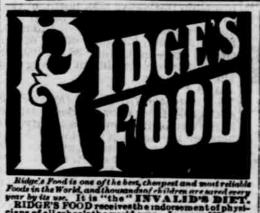
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